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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON CHAD SECURITY

1. WHILE NEITHER PRESIDENT MALLOUM NOR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF GOC HAS COMMENTED PUBLICLY ON SEBHA AGREEMENT, GOVERNMENT NEWS BULLETIN INFOTCHAD FEBRUARY 28 PRINTED EDITORIAL COMMENT WHICH STATED THAT CHAD CURRENTLY WAS UNDERGOING SITUATION WHICH RESULTED FROM ILL-FATED POLICIES OF COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM. EDITORIAL POINTED OUT THAT SOME CHADIANS OPPOSED THIS POLICY BY FORCE OF ARMS UNTIL MILITARY CAME TO POWER AND BEGAN ATTEMPT REBUILD COUNTRY AS WELL AS SETTLE FRONTIER DISPUTE WITH LIBYA.

2. DESPITE THESE GOC EFFORTS FIGHTING INTENSIFIED RECENTLY AND RELATIONS WITH LIBYA HAD DETERIORATED. SUDAN AND NIGER HAD HELPED CHAD AND LIBYA REACH AGREEMENT TO
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DISCUSS BORDER DISPUTE AND TO ARRIVE AT PERMANENT SOLUTION WITHIN A STRICTLY AFRICAN CONTEXT. SEBHA ACCORD, IT ALSO POINTED OUT, CALLED FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH DIFFERENT FROLINAT TENDENCIES AT MEETING TO BE PRESIDED BY SUDAN VICE PRESIDENT AND IN PRESENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM NIGER AND LIBYA.

3. EDITORIAL ADDED THAT COMMISSION OF NIGERIAN AND LIBSDN

AOFFICERS WAS TO MEET IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE TO EXAMINE POSITIONS OF PARTIES IN CONFLICT WITHIN CHAD. GOC REPRESENTATIVES PLANNED ATTEND MARCH 21 SEBHA CONFERENCE WITH OPEN MIND AND HOPED THAT FROLINAT REPRESENTATIVES WILL ALSO.

4. SEPARATE INFOTCHAD ARTICLE QUOTED AFP REPORT THAT DC-3, UNDER CHARTER TO INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, LEFT NDJAMENA FEBRUARY 28 FOR FAYA LARGEAU CARRYING ONE TON OF MEDICINE AND ONE TON OF FOODSTUFFS. WE UNDERSTAND FLIGHT TOOK PLACE FINALLY BECAUSE CHAD PILOT WAS FOUND. RED CROSS HAD BEEN UNABLE TO AVAIL ITSELF OF SWISS CREW AND EMBASSY SOURCE REPORTED IT HAD OFFERED FRENCH MERCENARIES ANNSAIR TCHAD PILOTS TEMPORARY SWISS NATIONALITY AND LARGE SUM OF MONEY IF THEY AGREED TO MAKE RELIEF FLIGHT TO FAYA. THE PILOTS CONSIDERED THEY WERE TOO WELL KNOWN AND CONSEQUENT RISK OF DISCOVERY THEY WERE FRENCH WAS TOO GREAT.

5. REBEL RADIO HAS AGAIN BEGUN BROADCASTING FROM TRIPOLI BUT, AFTER TWO NIGHTS OF GETTING THROUGH, GOC RESTARTED JAMMING HOSTILE PROPAGANDA. BRADFORD

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